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storing content that is provided and a delivery designating section for designating a delivery condition for delivering the content, wherein a delivering apparatus presents data necessary for determining the delivery condition that is designated by the delivery designating section.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-9 by rewriting same to read as follows:

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--1. (Amended) An information providing apparatus for registering a delivery of content data, comprising:
 storing means for storing the content data provided; and
 delivery designating means for designating a delivery condition for delivering the content data,
 wherein a delivering apparatus presents data necessary for determining the delivery condition that is designated by the delivery designating means.

--2. (Amended) The information providing apparatus as set forth in claim 1, further comprising:
 communicating means for transmitting the content data provided to the delivering apparatus.

--3. (Amended) The information providing apparatus as set forth in claim 1,
 wherein the data necessary for determining the delivery

condition is a number of audiences for the content data delivered.

--4. (Amended) The information providing apparatus as set forth in claim 1,

wherein the data necessary for determining the delivery condition is a delivery cost.

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--5. (Amended) An information providing method for registering a delivery of content data, comprising the steps of:

storing the content data provided; and
designating a delivery condition for delivering the content data,

wherein before the delivery condition is designated, a delivering apparatus presents data necessary for determining the delivery condition designated.

--6. (Amended) A delivering apparatus for delivering content data, comprising:

first communicating means for receiving content data provided from an information provider;

storing means for storing the content data;

transmitting means for delivering the content data to a receiving terminal unit;

second communicating means for receiving user profile information from the receiving terminal unit;

profile storing means for storing the user profile information;

charging process controlling means for calculating a cost corresponding to the delivery of the content data; and

band controlling means for controlling a band used for delivering the content data,

wherein the charging process controlling means pre-calculates a number of audiences for a content corresponding to the user profile information, calculates the cost corresponding to the delivery of the content data, and informs an information providing apparatus of the cost.

--7. (Amended) A delivering apparatus for delivering content data, comprising:

first communicating means for receiving the content data provided from an information provider;

storing means for storing the content data;

transmitting means for delivering the content data to a receiving terminal unit;

second communicating means for receiving user watching / listening history from the receiving terminal unit;

watching / listening history storing means for storing the user watching / listening history;

charging process controlling means for calculating a cost corresponding to the delivery of the content data; and

band controlling means for controlling a band of a network used for delivering the content data,

wherein the charging process controlling means pre-calculates a number of audiences for the content data corresponding to the watching / listening history, calculates the cost corresponding to the delivery of the content data, and informs an information providing apparatus of the cost.

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COW --8. (Amended) A delivering method for delivering content data, comprising the steps of:

receiving the content data provided from an information provider;

storing the content data;

delivering the content data to a receiving terminal unit;

receiving user profile information from the receiving terminal unit;

storing the user profile information;

calculating a cost corresponding to the delivery of the content data; and

controlling a band used for delivering the content data,

wherein a number of audiences for the content data is pre-calculated corresponding to the user profile information,

the cost corresponding to the delivery of the content data is calculated, and

an information providing apparatus is informed of the cost.